

**MINUTES**

**County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Natural Resource Center  
7413 County House Road  
Auburn, NY 13021**

**October 19, 2011**

**9:57 a.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>NRCS</u>	<u>Blue Electron</u>
D. Kehoe      P. Pinckney	R. Podolak	K. Schor	K. Zadeh
R. Lockwood   C. Roberts	L. Miller		
R. Mills          J. Young	S. Huey	<u>OLWI</u>	<u>Seeler Engineering</u>
S. Nemec	W. Jakaub	K. Jakaub	Tim Seeler – Absent (report submitted)

**2. MOMENT OF SILENCE** – It was announced that the Districts working foreman, **Tom Kincaid**, passed away suddenly Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. A moment of silence was held.

**3. MINUTES** – Approval of meeting minutes for meetings of September 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.  
*Motion by J. Young, seconded by P. Pinckney.*

**4. FINANCIALS** – -Approval of September’s financial statements (see tab)  
*Motion by J. Young, seconded by D. Kehoe.*  
-Approval of accounts payable (see tab)  
*Motion by J. Young, seconded by S. Nemec.*

*Discussion: J. Young asked that the Digester be removed from financials and put in their own separate reports.*

*11-74 Motion by J. Young, seconded by S. Nemec, to approve the following transfers:*

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
OLWI	Earned Income – Project	\$290.82	Vehicle Usage – September 2011
OLWI	State – AEM	68.82	Vehicle Usage – October 13-14 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Anaerobic Digester	Energy Billing Account	\$361.23	Energy Billing – September 2011
Earned Income – Rent	Energy Billing Account	\$1,241.12	Energy Billing – September 2011
Energy Billing Account	Energy Savings Account	\$1,572.83	Distribution Maintenance – September 2011

*Carried.*

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

*11-75 Motion by D. Kehoe, seconded by P. Pinckney, to approve the following resolution for the authorization to amend resolution #11-67 to read Ken Palmer instead of Ron Palmer. Carried.*

R. Mills arrived at 10:10 a.m.

*11-76 Motion by S. Nemec, seconded by D. Kehoe, to approve the following resolution for authorization to pay Rose Belforti the amount of \$4,200.00 from the Round 16 Ag-Np Cayuga Lake Prescribed Grazing State Grant account for the completion of a fencing and animal trail walkway project. Carried.*

*11-77 Motion by J. Young, seconded by S. Nemec, to approve the following resolution for the authorization to accept the Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District's Audit of Financial Statements for 2010 presented by Leslie Spurgin, C.P.A. of Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson & Company, LLP. Carried.*

*11-78 Motion by S. Nemec, seconded by C. Roberts, to approve the following resolution for the authorization to adopt the 2012 Budget for the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District. Carried.*

*Discussion: AVC budget discussed and the need for a new harvester. A request for a new harvester was sent in last week for a member item grant with Nozzolio. Legislators have been fielding complaints for weeds and would like more information so that P. Pinckney and R. Mills can present this to the County.*

*11-79 Motion by J. Young, seconded by R. Mills, to approve the following resolution for the authorization to support and pursue the acquisition of a new harvester. Carried.*

## 6. REPORTS

### **NRCS – Katie Schor**

- **HELC/WC**

Approximately 100 out of a total of 125 AD-1026's have been serviced so far this year. Of the remaining 25 that have yet to be completed, approximately 10 still require field visits by the NRCS Soil Scientist and/or Biologist. We have the Soil Scientist scheduled for a week in November to complete as many on-site soils investigations as possible before winter. A letter from the acting State Conservationist, as well as a letter from the field office has been mailed to any remaining participants whose requests have not been answered in an attempt to keep them informed of the process. It is our hope that once we can get through the backlog of work from 2010 & 2011, we will be better able to answer future requests within the specified time period.

### **OLWI – Katie Jakaub**

- Dumping has been reported on Rockefeller road. Site has been GPS'ed and has been determined to be encroaching on a FEMA flood zone as well as a federal wetland. I have been working with the USFWS out of Cortland to resolve the issue.

- Sucker brook Survey's have been completed as of October 6, 2011. They were performed using the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's stream survey manual and Rosgen's method of stream assessment as guidelines. Summaries of each reach are written. And a report will soon be completed as well.
- A Blue Green Algae bloom has been spotted in areas of northern Owasco Lake. The bloom does not appear to be as intense as last year's. The intense winter we experienced last year may be responsible – The frigid temps allowed the ice to freeze to a depth that was enough to reach the sediment where a majority of the clams were dwelling.
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Owasco inlet? Either for phosphorous or for fecal coliform – Use Chatauqua Lake's TMDL for Phosphorous as a template. There have been multiple studies performed by John Halfman from the Finger Lake's Institute of Hobart William and Smith College. Water sampling dating back until...
  - Have been working with Nate Colas from Cayuga County Planning Dept. to obtain GIS layers for Tompkins and Onondaga County and also to update out layers for Cayuga County.
- Onondaga County Dye Testing – Has been put on hold for the time being. I do not agree with the manner in which the Health Department proposes for me to approach the task.

## **DIGESTER REPORTS**

### **Executive Director – Ron Podolak**

- Ron distributed Tim Seeler's report and introduced Mike Riley – Digester Foreman.

### **Seeler Engineering – Tim Seeler**

- Will not be present. Will submit written report. Ron distributed report from Tim Seeler and is attached.

### **Digester Report – Mike Riley**

- Distributed report.
- Emergency Management Plan is next large task to accomplish
- Ron stated to Board that safety issues are in place for the Digester regarding any spills, etc., including a large berm around the facility in case of any spills and truck will not be making picking up manure on bad weather days. Will hope to have an Emergency Management Plan done sometime by the end of November.

### **Blue Electron – Kamyar Zadeh**

- Distributed report.

### **Executive Director – Ron Podolak**

- Finished up his report
- Still at work on Emerson Park Pavilion water line project. Project is going very well.
- Several other jobs in the works.
- IDA is the next big project to go to after the waterline at the Park is finished.
- Mowing is finished in Seneca County and has been billed.
- Sandy Huey attended the NYS Association of Conservation Districts Meeting held in Utica, N.Y. on October 18<sup>th</sup> (in place of Ron & Wanda – due to Tom's passing) and picked up District's awards.

- District was presented with the Diversity Award Plaque regarding all the diverse programs and projects that the District is involved in and also received a certificate for the District in the News.
- Ron spoke of Karl being sent to Broome County with the tubgrinder, because they are going to need it for storm cleanup and he would also send Karl to IDA site for road work project to run equipment.
- Ray asked Ron what he would like to do next regarding Tom Kincaid's position. Ron replied that Tom's passing has left a huge hole in the District, but at this time, he would like to hold on the matter and think things through before a decision is made.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** 11:13 a.m. *Motion by D. Kehoe, seconded by S. Nemec.*

**8. NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.